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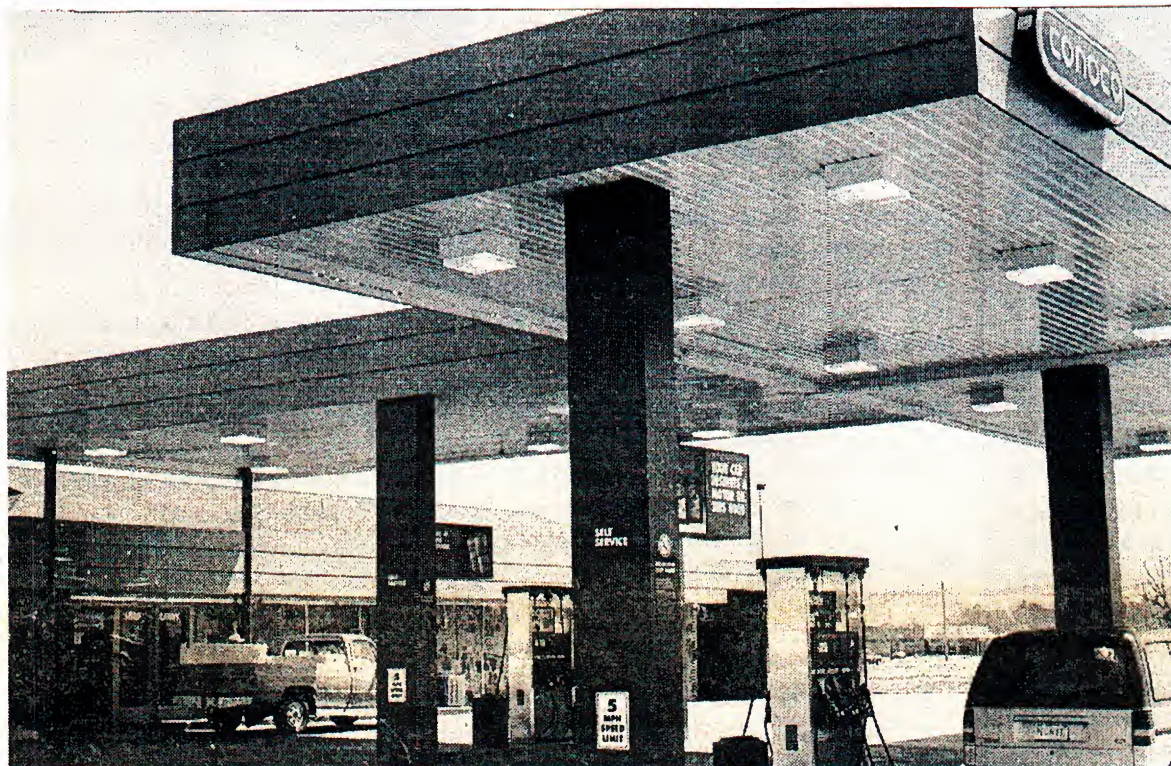
## PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



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### Facelift

There's a fresh new look at Tribal Store #1 these days. Under an agreement with Conoco, which now supplies the gasoline the convenience store sells, new canopies, pumps and other improvements have updated the exterior and the interior boasts new counters, paint, fixtures, products and more. Store manager Marilyn Morton said she expects sales "to skyrocket" with the bright new look. "Last year's financials showed a six-digit increase in sales," she said, "and I know this will have a huge impact. Our entire team is very excited about it."

### Pow-wow to feature kids' stuff

Don't tell the kids, but they're about to learn something.

That is, if they're coming to the Potawatomi Pow-Wow.

A newly-expanded schedule of culturally correct activities for the younger set will keep them busy Friday night and all day Saturday,

June 28 and 29, if they wish. And they probably won't even notice that they're learning about their heritage while they're having fun.

After the success of the children's Native arts and crafts program last year, the tribe's Community & Family Services department started early planning a much more exten-

sive group of activities. They will begin on Friday night, when both children and adults can play traditional Native American hand games from 6-8. All activities will be at the pow-wow grounds.

On Saturday, arts and crafts for the kindergarten through 6th grade group will

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## Former chairman challenges Motley in tribal election

*Three seek Grievance #2 position, Secretary-Treasurer unopposed*

Business Committeeman Jerry P. Motley drew a challenge from former tribal chairman Leon Bruno, and a three-way race developed for Grievance Committee #2 when the regular filing period ended April 3.

However, only one candidate for each position signed up in a special filing April 10, 11 and 12. Gene Bruno will be automatically elected tribal Secretary-Treasurer and Paul A. Schmidtkofer to the Grievance Committee #1 slot since neither drew an opponent.

Bruno was appointed to serve as Secretary-Treasurer until the election following the resignation of Bob Davis. That opened up the slot he was filling on the Grievance Committee, with both positions to be filled in the annual election. Because the vacancies occurred after the regular filing dates had been set, a special filing period was designated.

Three people are vying for the Grievance Committee #2 slot left vacant with the death of Hazel Rhodd Williamson late last year. Jo Ann Johnson, appointed by the Business Committee to fill the slot until the election, faces opposition from Edward "Scott" Bruno and Philip Keith Pruner.

Both of those elected to the Grievance Committee will complete unexpired terms, as will Gene Bruno as Secretary-Treasurer. Only the winner of the Business Committee #1 slot will serve a full four-year term.

All four positions, as well as the approval of the budget for the interest on set-aside funds, will be on the June 29 ballot at the annual tribal election and, of course, on absentee ballots. Ballots are being printed and should be available for absentee voting in late April. Applications for absentee ballots can be mailed in at any time, but must be postmarked by June 9.

In-person voting will be from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at the tribal complex.

Serving on the Election Committee are chairman Don Yott, David Bourbonnais, Gary Bourbonnais, Esther Lowden and Harold Trousdale.

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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Nadeau, Neddeau, Tascier Reunion set for June 29

The Nadeau, Neddeau, Tascier and their descendants Family Reunion will be held June 29 at the Citizen Band Potawatomi Nutritional Center on Hardesty Road about three-quarters of a mile east from the four-way stop sign at the corner of Hardesty Road and Gordon Cooper Drive.

We will have a pot luck dinner (please bring enough silverware and plates for your own family) to begin at 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. This year we have planned to trace our family tree by putting snapshots of our families on a tree drawn for us by Helen Kusek. So gather up all the family pictures you can and join us in this endeavor. Hope to see you all there!

For more information, contact Rita Oravetz, 814 E. Franklin, Shawnee, OK 74801, telephone (405) 275-1906 (home) or (405) 273-7000 ext. 222 (work).

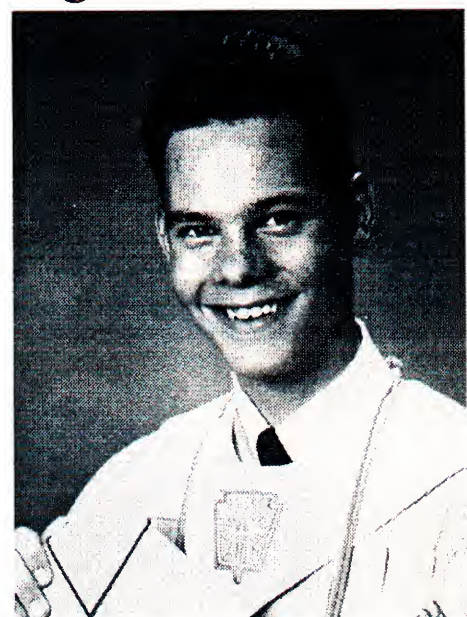


## Graduating

Tribal member Leah Holloway, a senior at Stuart High School, Stuart, Oklahoma, will graduate May 12 after eight years in Stuart, four years in Kiowa Public Schools and a year in Haywood Public Schools. She is ranked 10th in a class of 29 with a 3.6591 grade point average. During high school she has been involved in: VICA, 2 years, president; FHA, 1 year; Scholastic Team, 4 years; Class Government, 4 years, reporter; Newspaper Staff, 1 year, editor and typist; National Science Merit Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students Nominee; Automotive Professional Development Program Trainee. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and is considering studying music or computers. Leah is employed at McClendon's Greenhouse in Arpeler.

## Weaver graduating with honors

Joey Weaver, a high school senior, will graduate with honors from Skyline High School in Dallas, Texas on May 19, 1996. Joey has a current GPA of 90.5 and ranks number 91 in a class of 650 seniors. Joey participates in many organizations at Skyline, including National Honor Society, president of Business Professionals of America, president of Skyline Art Guild, vice president of Skyline Computer Club, and member of the Skyline Senior Prom Committee and Senior Events Committee. Joey participates in Skyline's Business Cooperative Education Program working part-time at Texas Utilities Company for the Environmental Permitting Department of Texas Utilities Services in downtown Dallas.



Joey has participated in his community through programs and services participated in by NHS and BPA members. He has just recently qualified as a state alternate for state finals in the Business Professionals of America Youth Leadership conference specializing in Lotus spreadsheet applications. Joey has been nominated by two of his teachers for the Who's Who of American High School Students Award.

He is presently organizing an American Indian Council for Skyline with the help of Cynthia Anzaldua, teacher, and Leo Wesley and James Eaglebull of Dallas Public Schools American Indian Education Program, which will help educate the students and faculty of Skyline on the American Indian culture and our people.

Joey will be attending the University of North Texas in Denton next fall majoring in computer science with a minor in international business. He is the son of Robert and Mandy Weaver of Mesquite, Texas; the grandson of Patsy Hampton and the late Bennie D. Hampton of Ada, Oklahoma; grandson of Jeanne and Herman Weaver of Irving, Texas; great grandson Jessie Hampton and the late Collin "Blackie" Hampton of Ada, Oklahoma.

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## Walking on ...

### IMOGENE HONEA MONSON

Imogene Honea Monson died at her home in Bonney Lake, WA., February 7, 1996. Jean as she was known to family and friends, fought a long courageous battle with bone cancer.

Survivors included daughters Joyce Bartram, Kent, WA.; Janet Butler, Kittitus, WA.; son Rodger Leach, Orofino, ID; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held February 12, 1996, at Naches Cemetery, Naches, WA.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents Cecil J Honea and Mary Bell Navarre, her infant brother Hughgette Honea, and her sisters Vivien Smith and Oleta Gist.

## Pow wow to honor Trail of Death

The Rainbow Dancer Pow-Wow Committee will sponsor the 4th annual Rainbow Dancer Pow-Wow July 26, 27 and 28. The event will be held at Sangamon County fairgrounds, New Berlin, Illinois (15 miles west of Springfield, Illinois, on Interstate 36/72).

The Rainbow Dancer Pow-Wow is a contest pow-wow and princess contest dedicated to the Potawatomi Trail of Death, and on July 26th two granite

monuments/markers will be dedicated at sites west of Springfield that were Trail of Death encampments in 1838.

A focus for the 1996 Rainbow Dancer Pow-Wow will be to provide support for the Jones Academy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. The committee will be conducting a canned food, durable toy drive forwarded to the Jones Academy in Hartshome, Oklahoma, Choctaw Reservation.

## TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 29, 1996. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 9, 1996. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as the election of Business Committee Member #1 for a four-year term, election of a Secretary/Treasurer to complete two years remaining on a four-year term, election of Grievance Committee Member #1 and Grievance Committee Member #2 to complete unexpired terms will be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Award Winner

Citizen Potawatomi tribal member Megan Palmer has been selected to receive the National Science Merit Award. Megan, the daughter of Shannon and Stacey Smith and the granddaughter of Leon and Veta Bruno, is a student at Wewoka Junior High School. Along with being honored as one of our nation's most outstanding students, Megan will be eligible to apply for NSMA college scholarships in the future. Her biography will be featured in a volume of the U.S. Achievement Academy National Awards Yearbook. Her science instructor, Mr. Kenneth Pattison, nominated Megan to receive this prestigious award.



## Employment & Training staff hosts intertribal planning retreat in Norman

The staff of the tribe's Employment and Training Department hosted a two-day planning session at Sullivant's Retreat near Norman to plan for the upcoming program year.

Gary R. Bibb, Employment and Training director, facilitated the meeting with six staff members and representatives from the Kickapoo, Iowa and Sac & Fox tribes' participation in structuring plans.

Activities listed by priority are: On-the-Job Training, Classroom Training, Work Experience, Vocational Career Exploration and Community Service Employment.

The On-The-Job Training component reimburses employers half of the trainee's wages while they are on the Employment and Training Program.

Classroom Training will consist of community classes at various locations for orientation to the world of work, resume writing, financial planning, time management, stress management, parenting skills and wellness.

Other classroom training will be centered around the new computer learning center offering basic skills improvement, GED preparation, basic computer key boarding, Windows 95 and career exploration among other programs available.

The Work Experience activity allows individuals to be trained for eight weeks, then transferred into the OJT activity resulting in a permanent job.

All Employment and Training participants are given an aptitude and interest assessment before being placed into training or employment. The assessment reflects the strengths, aptitudes and interests in 66 occupations. It also has a guide for occupational exploration with reports on critical abilities, skills and worker characteristics that are required.

The next program year begins July 1, 1996, and the staff has set a goal to serve double the amount of people that are being served this year.

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**Fourth  
Generation**  
Abram B. Burnett  
or Nan-Wish-Mah  
or In-Vash-Mah



**Fifth  
Generation**  
Joseph N. Burnett,  
the son of  
Abram B. Burnett



**Sixth  
Generation**  
Birdie Josephine  
Burnett,  
granddaughter of  
Abram B. Burnett



**Seventh  
Generation**  
Halsia Wanda Martin,  
daughter of Birdie  
Josephine Burnett  
Martin

### First Generation

Chief Anaquiba or Nanaquiba or Panaquiba, a full blood Indian, "Pottawatomie". Also known as the old Sachem Chief. He was Chief of the Pottawatomie Nation in the late 1700's. Lived in northern Indiana and Michigan.

### Second Generation

Chief Chee-Baas or Chee-Bass, a son of Chief Anaquiba. He lived on the St. Joseph River in Michigan and the Wabash River in Indiana. Several children were born to Chief Chee-Baas. One was a daughter, Cone-Ze-Qua.

### Third Generation

Daughter Cone-Zp-Qua, of Chief Chee-Baas married Shau-Uque-Be, a Potawatomi Indian male. To this marriage a son was born. His Indian name was Nan-Wish-Mah or In-Vash-Mah. His adopted English name was Abram B. Brunett. He was a full blood Indian.

### Fourth Generation

Abram B. Burnett or Nan-Wish-Ma or In-Vash-Ma was born November 1812 in a little town north of the Tippecanoe River near Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana. He married 16 February 1843 Mary Knoffloch at Sugar Creek, now Linn County Kansas, by Rev. Felix L. Verrydyt S. J. Abram B. Burnett and family were allotted land near Topeka, Kansas. Abram died June 14, 1870, at his home near Topeka, Kansas. His burial was in section 17 S.W. of Topeka in an Indian cemetery known as the old Indian grave yard. To this marriage six children were born. Abram attended school at the Baptist Mission at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the Choctaw Academy at the Blue Springs, Scott County, Kentucky.

### Fifth Generation

Joseph N. Burnett, the son of Abram B. Burnett, was born the 29th of April 1856, in Shawnee County, near Topeka, Kansas. He attended school at St. Mary's Mission. Joseph W., Joe, married 21 April 1874, Emma Anderson in Shawnee County, Topeka, Kansas. Three children were born to this marriage. Joseph W., Joe Burnett, married again to Isabell McDole, November 03, 1802, Catholic ceremony, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. Five children were born to this marriage. Joseph W., Joe, Burnett died 15 December 1915, at Macomb, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Burial was held at Mars Hill Cemetery, RR west of Macomb, Oklahoma. Joseph was allotted land in Kansas and Oklahoma.

### Sixth Generation

Birdie Josephine Burnett, a daughter of Joseph and Emma Anderson Burnett, was born 6th of January, 1882, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma, near Sacred Heart, now Pottawatomie County. Birdie attended school at Sacred Heart and in Kansas. Birdie married 30 October 1904 to William Stephen Martin. Several children were born to this marriage, two to be grown; a son, Jack William, and Halsia W. Martin. Birdie Burnett Martin was allotted land in, now, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Birdie died June 4, 1965, in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and is buried in the Tecumseh Cemetery.

### Seventh Generation

Halsia Wanda Martin, daughter of Birdie Josephine Burnett Martin, was born April 04, 1918, in Macomb, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. She grew up in this area and attended school in Macomb. On May 29, 1938, she married Vernon Frantz Motley in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Two sons were born to this marriage, Vernon Martin "Jack" Motley and Jerry Paul Motley. Halsia died August 06, 1988, in Oklahoma City and is buried in the Tecumseh Cemetery.

### Eighth Generation

Jerry Paul Motley, the son of Vernon F. and Halsia Wanda Motley was born April 25, 1940, at Macomb, Oklahoma. Jerry attended Tecumseh Schools, graduating in 1959. He married Willis Faye Parker, May 13, 1960, in Tecumseh. Two children were born to this marriage, William Neal and Paula Michelle. Jerry is a life long resident of Pottawatomie County and has been an active and vital participant in tribal activities. He has served as Tax Commissioner and Enterprise Manager. He currently serves on the Business Committee. An avid supporter of the progress and improvements that have been made in Tribal affairs and facilities, he believes that only with a continuity of harmonious leadership, can the accomplishments be continued. The potential of the Potawatomi Tribe is without equal, but will only be realized with uncompromising dedication to the People as a whole.

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# New Learning Center to help students, employees

A ten-station computer lab designed to offer job training for Native Americans as well as help the Citizen Potawatomi Nation become more computer literate is up and running.

Initially, the computer Learning Center is being used by the Employment and Training Department for a variety of job training purposes. Employment and Training Director Gary Bibb said that the software purchased for his department has made an enormous difference.

With the new learning center hardware and software, participants have access to individualized, computer-assisted work in career assessment, building educational skills, remedial education and life skills. The career assessment program, for instance, offers seven separate aptitude tests and a 200-item interest inventory. Results are correlated with the Department of Labor's 66 work clusters, the country's fastest-growing jobs and to local training programs.

A one hour and forty

minute aptitude test battery analyzes the person's aptitudes, abilities and capacities for learning, with results presented in terms of potential for success in career and training options. It tests seven areas: clerical perception, spatial visualization, vocabulary, numerical reasoning, inductive reasoning, analytical reasoning and numerical computation.

An interest assessment matches people to jobs and training based on their answers about how much they like or dislike various activities, and a basic skills program called Destinations provides a curriculum for more than 9,000 learning activities such as reading, language arts, writing, life skills and other areas students can master at their own rate. And those are only some of the programs available for use in the Employment and Training area. Bibb sees unlimited potential for the center.

But use of the computers won't be limited to Employ-



*Bibb Tries Out One Of The New Computers In The Learning Center*

ment & Training clients, even though that's where it's housed. Plans are already in place to use it for staff training.

"We can use the same center to train employees on new software, e-mail and Internet access," Administrator J.D. Colbert said. "This will be

particularly important as the tribe implements a comprehensive new computer system that will include, among many improved internal accounting procedures, the technology necessary to allow tribal members to communicate with tribal headquarters by modem.

"This will work well with that new network," Colbert said, "and will also position us to tie in with other systems." In the future, the Learning Center may even be opened up to tribal members interested in utilizing the center's high-tech capabilities.

## GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE CANDIDATE

### *Philip K. Pruner*

*requests your support in his effort to serve the Citizen Potawatomi people.*

- I firmly believe in a return to traditional Native American values and traditions.
- I care deeply about the reputation and future of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.
- I am a Gourd Dancer and attend pow-wows on a weekly basis in all parts of Oklahoma.
- I am known and respected by people of many different tribes.
- I was married at Mission Hill Indian Church in a ceremony performed by tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker.
- My wife and I are volunteers with Cedar Lodge and proud members of Oklahoma Indian Nations.
- I own a business that serves Native Americans almost exclusively.
- I have Bachelor's Degrees in Sociology and Psychology and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration.
- I was born and raised in the Shawnee area and graduated from Shawnee High School.
- I am a descendant of Chief Standing Earth of the Menominee and Black Beaver of the Western Delaware.
- My family is from the Jacques Vieaux-Angelique LeRoy line.
- I have no financial ties to the Potawatomi Nation and will not use my position to benefit my family or myself.
- I will be available as needed and treat this position as a sacred trust.
- I will treat you with the courtesy and respect you are entitled to as Citizen Potawatomi and Americans.

### **"Bring Back the Tradition"**

### **Vote for**

### *Philip K. Pruner* **for Grievance Committee**







## FireLake Designs stitching up all kinds of designs

By GWEN E. KING

FireLake Designs is one of Citizen Potawatomi Nation's newest enterprises.

Formally ETW Monogramming, FireLake Designs was purchased last September from mother-daughter team LaVon Sanders and Kylee Lee of Shawnee. Other than a new name and a new location in the Potawatomi Tribal Museum and Gift Store, operation of the business is the same. Sanders and Lee still produce the artwork which has attracted customers from throughout the Southwest.

Customers have sought FireLake Designs embroidery work from as far away as California, Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Oregon, Michigan and Kansas City. Closer to home, regular clients include Oklahoma Baptist University, Tecumseh Schools and Shawnee Schools. Native American clients are members of Potawatomi, Kiowa and Seminole tribes, and company contracts include FireLake Bowling Center, FireLake Restaurant, the museum and the tribal store.

"We got involved with the Potawatomi Indians when we did Rocky's (Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett Jr.) costume for last year's pow-wow," Sanders said. "That generated more business from the museum and other tribes."

The pair uses a digital computer process to copy virtually any pattern imaginable and a two-headed computerized



*LaVon Sanders and Kylee Lee With FireLake Designs Equipment*

monogramming rig to apply designs. They can alter designs with color, since an unlimited number of color combinations are available, or they can change the contents of a design simply to meet a customer's request. The only designs they aren't allowed by law to copy are those that are protected by copyright, like Loony Tunes.

"Otherwise, the designs are limitless," Sanders said.

Monogramming can be curved, slanted, arched or mirrored. Lee explained "mirroring" is a process of reversing a design so two of the same image are facing each other. Letters and designs can be applied in miniature, as

small as one-fourth inch or as large as eight inches, she said.

Ball caps, jackets, towels, shawls, banners, sweatshirts, baby clothing, nursing uniforms and purses have all received a FireLake Designs monogramming treatment. If an article can fit in the machine, it can be embroidered, Sanders said. (Technically monogramming is embroidery work.)

Shawls, purses and baby clothing are sometimes bought elsewhere but usually the items customers want monogrammed can be purchased through Firelake Designs at competitive prices. One-of-a-kind special order items are available as are hundreds of the

same hat, T-shirt or jacket.

"If we don't have what they want, we can order it," Lee said.

Prices vary per number of stitches required to complete a design. FireLakes Design charges \$1 per 1,000, so a ball park figure on a hat is about seven dollars. That depends, of course, on the design itself.

Most single items are completed in two days but large orders can require up to 30 days to complete. Orders can be placed 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Potawatomi Tribal Gift Shop.



## Mother, daughter team works well together

LaVon Sanders began experimenting with monogramming at home about 20 years ago. Already a seamstress for her family, she thought the art of embroidery just went along with sewing.

"I've been sewing since I was ten," Sanders said. "My grandmother, my aunt and my mother sewed so it was pretty natural for me to sew, too. I just like anything to do with sewing."

Eventually Sanders turned monogramming into a business but her hobby is still — you guessed it — sewing. She says she doesn't have much time for anything besides sewing except for her children and grandchildren. She has nine grandchildren and one great-grandbaby and is

married to Ken Sanders.

Sanders' partner in the monogramming business is her daughter Kylee Lee.

"We work real well together as a mother-daughter team," she said.

Lee is married to Scott Lee and has three children, Liz, Tara and Whitney. She likes to roller skate, fish, read and bake, and likes to spend time with her children. Her favorite aspect of monogramming is the "creative part."

"I like starting a design and seeing it finished," Lee said. "I like the creative part, the way we pick our colors and put everything together. The end result is how beautiful the work is when we're finished."



## Seal contest winner to get cash prize

A \$200 cash prize awaits the winner of a contest to help design a new tribal seal.

Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. said the cash prize will go to the design that is deemed the best overall entry, although recognition will be given to other entrants who contribute to the final design.

"If we use any part of a design submitted in the contest, the artist's name will go on a plaque memorializing their contributions to tribal history," Barrett said.

While a winning entry will be selected and awarded the cash prize, that does not automatically mean that design will become the seal. The Business Committee will determine the final design, which may or may not be based on one or more entries in the contest.

There are no specific guidelines for entries, except that they must be received at tribal headquarters by June 10. Please mark your envelope "Seal Contest" and sure to include your name, address, phone number and tribal roll number. The contest is limited to enrolled tribal members.

The contest came about as a result of the name change approved in the recent Secretarial Election. The new seal should, of course, incorporate the new name, Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

## Stamp to honor Red Earth dancers

Oklahoma City's Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival, scheduled June 7-9, will host the first day of issue stamp ceremony for the American Indian Dances commemorative stamps. The ceremony on June 7 will kick off the three-day cultural event at the Myriad Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

"Postage stamps offer us a unique view of our diverse heritage by giving us a glimpse of the people, places, and events that have shaped our

nation," said district manager for Oklahoma postal operations Terry Wilson. "Bringing the American Indian Dances stamps to the Red Earth Festival is a fitting tribute to the cultures and heritage they represent."

Five dances are depicted on the colorful stamps designed by Oklahoman Keith Birdsong. The Native American dances featured are the Fancy Dance, Butterfly Dance, Traditional Dance, Raven Dance and the Hoop Dance. Dedication of the stamps will follow the magnifi-

cent Grand Entry into the Myriad Convention Center Arena at noon Friday, June 7.

"The Red Earth Festival draws representatives of nearly 100 tribes to Oklahoma City in a celebration of Native American cultures," said Christy Alcox, Red Earth executive director. "Through dance and art we are able to share the richness and diversity of Native American cultures with the world. We are delighted to bring these stamps celebrating Native American dance to Oklahoma."

## AIGC cuts off scholarship applications

The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) regrettably announces that it will not be accepting applications for the 1996-97 Academic Year. AIGC is the only national non-profit Indian organization dedicated to helping Native American and Alaska Native students pursuing graduate degrees. AIGC has contracted with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the past 26 years to provide financial support to Indian graduate

students nationwide.

Due to reductions in federal programs, AIGC will only be able to assist our continuing students for the 1996-97 Academic Year. These are students that have received AIGC assistance to attend at least one term of graduate school. This funding cut will impact at least 300 students that may not find other funds and will not be able to attend graduate school.

Interested parties may

contact AIGC in December 1996 for information regarding funding for the 1997-98 Academic Year.

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## YOUR NO. 1 CHOICE FOR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE #2 EDWARD "SCOTT" BRUNO



My name is Edward "Scott" Bruno and I am a fifth generation resident of Oklahoma Potawatomi Country. I am young, newly married, and will become a father in September. I have been raised with a dedication to Indian values and when my baby is born he or she will be given an Indian name by my Great-Aunt, taught our family history, and be given the option of knowing Potawatomi culture and language.

I graduated from Maud High School, am a co-owner of B&B Electric of Shawnee, OK, and am currently studying for my journeyman's license. I would like to follow in the footsteps of my parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. With your help I can continue the tradition in my family of serving the Potawatomi people. Together, we have an opportunity to bring about a fair and just Grievance Committee who will work for all tribal members.

**"YOUR VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

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## ROBERT "LEON" BRUNO FOR COUNCILMAN #1

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Bouzhoo Pod-wad-mi-ek. My name is Robert "Leon" Bruno. My grandparents were Per-she-at-won (Mose Bruno), and Nad-noqua (Francis Shopwetuk), both original allottees in Potawatomi County, Oklahoma. According to Father Joseph Murphy, Potawatomi historian, the Bruno family were among the first Potawatomi to arrive in Oklahoma.

We are related by blood and marriage to the Thorpe, Wano, Bourbonnias, Vieux, and the Rhodd families to name just a few. My family and I are committed to the preservation of Potawatomi culture and the reintroduction of our Native language, songs, and celebrations from times past. I know my clan, my tribal history, and the hearts of those who want to remain Potawatomi in the coming generations.

For a representative who will help bind this Potawatomi Nation together, and help us forget our past differences, your support of Robert "Leon" Bruno is a vote for your future.

**THE TRADITIONAL CHOICE**

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# IN YOUR OPINION...

## Harvard-Radcliffe plans pow-wow

Dear HowNiKan:

I am a first year law student at Harvard and a member of the Potawatomi tribe. I would like to request that you publish a notice in the next HowNiKan concerning the Harvard-Radcliffe Pow-Wow. It is sponsored in part by our organization at the Law School, the Harvard Native American Law Students' Association. The pow-wow will be on April 27 which is also Harvard Radcliffe Native American Alumni Weekend. There will be two drums and dancing of every kind. We are also working on putting together a country/western dance the night of the 27th after the pow-wow. Please see the enclosed flyer for additional information.

Due to limited funds, we cannot sponsor anyone, but would like to invite all members of the tribe to attend.

Dancing is open to anyone who would like to participate. Vendors are also welcome. Members of the student organizations will do our best to help with lodging accommodation. Thanks for your help. Any questions can be directed to the Harvard Native American Program at (617) 495-4923 or to me personally at (617) 493-9140.

Sincerely,

Angela R. Riley

## Tribal member seeks artists

Bourzho!

This letter is directed to all the tribal members who are artists, crafts people, writers, poets, musicians, and fellow members of the art community in both the professional or student (or hobbyist) level.

My name is Frederick Anderson. I am a tribal member, a watercolor artist, (my career since the 1970's). I am currently trying to assemble a roster of all the people within

the tribe who are involved in any discipline of the arts for the purpose of information sharing. The number of tribes-people who are working in the arts appears to be quite large, and if we all contribute notices of competitions, opportunities to exhibit or insights we have gained in our various fields of endeavor we all stand to benefit.

I hope to publish a newsletter

3 or 4 times a year that will be sent out to everyone involved in the "tribal artists community." I would also like to make the list of Artisans available to other native American Art institutions.

Therefore, if you are interested in connecting on with this network, please send the following information: Name and address, Primary discipline (and other interests), Student or

professional (biography if available), Any insight, inspirations, or other contributions.

Address all responses to: J.W. Lewis, Cultural Diversity Manager, c/o South Suburban College, 15800 South State Street, South Holland, IL 60473. Be sure to mark on the envelope (ATTENTION: F.W. ANDERSON)

Megwetch,

Frederick W. Anderson  
Cicero, Illinois

## ✂ Clip & Return ✂

Potawatomi Language Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number of people living in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in the cultural traditions of our ancestors?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes ☐ Do Not Care ☐

Comment \_\_\_\_\_

It is important to you that your family have every possible opportunity to learn Potawatomi? Very Important ☐ Not Important ☐ Do Not Care ☐

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

What importance do you place on speaking the Potawatomi Language?

Not Very ☐ Very ☐ Critically Important for ☐  
Important ☐ Important ☐ the Survival of the Tribe ☐

How important is it to you to know that your future descendants know how to speak or understand Potawatomi?

	Not Very Important	Very Important	Critically important for the survival of the language for all Potawatomi people
Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grandchildren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Great Grandchildren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future Generations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you speak Potawatomi and what level of fluency do you speak?

Fluent ☐ Partial ☐ Some Words ☐ No words ☐

Do you know any one that speaks Potawatomi? Yes ☐ No ☐

Name of person \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

What level of fluency? Fluent ☐ Partial ☐ Words ☐

Are you interested in learning to speak Potawatomi? Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you like to take Potawatomi Language Classes? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are there other members of your household interested in learning to speak Potawatomi? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, how many individuals? \_\_\_\_\_

How in your estimation can language lessons be most effective in your community? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Potawatomi community size? 1-50 ☐ 1-100 ☐ 1-200 ☐ More ☐

Are you interested in acquiring college credits for Potawatomi Language? Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

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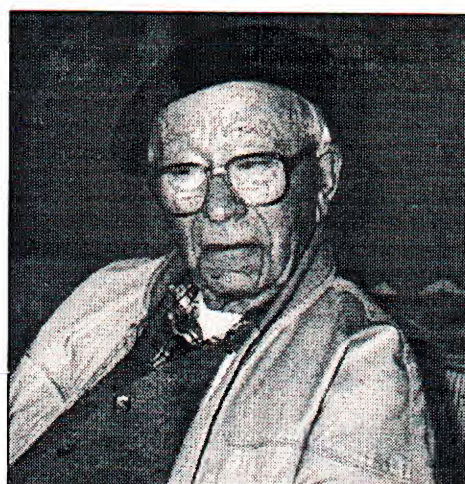
## ANOTHER TERRIFIC TURNOUT!



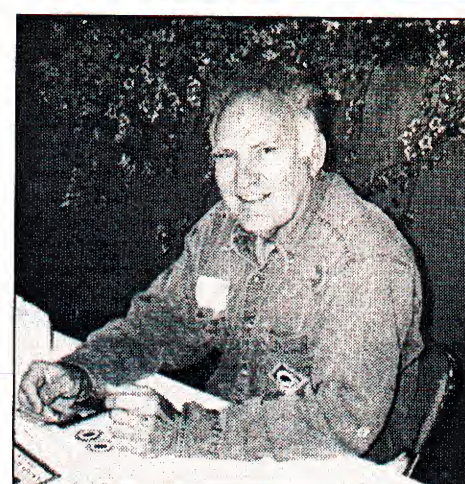
Lewis Garver of Travis AFB with son Chris. Lewis is a former resident of the Noble, OK., area.



The youngest was William Ogee, 2 months, of Livermore, held by Chairman John A. Barrett Jr.



The wisest was Cletis Edwards, 85, a descendant of the Bourbonnais Family.



Jack Wooldrige of Santa Cruz, a Peltier descendant, is the author of Potawatomi children's books.



Jim and JoAnne Nelson of Olympia, Wash., traveled the longest distance to Livermore



Steve Anderson of Colusa, Calif., with Tribal Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno



Regional Coordinator Jennifer Porter and daughter Duette Smith worked hard!



## March 30, 1996 - Ahmex Event Center - Livermore



Barbara Potter of Oakland organized the children's "Play Day" with the help of her husband Steve and Janelle Foster, Kim Walker and Ginger Edwards



Russell and Margot Lewis with their daughters and families. In front are Susan Crohare, Emily Crohare, Erica Riddle and Sarah Crohare. In back are Bob Crohare, Lisa Riddle and Benjamin Riddle



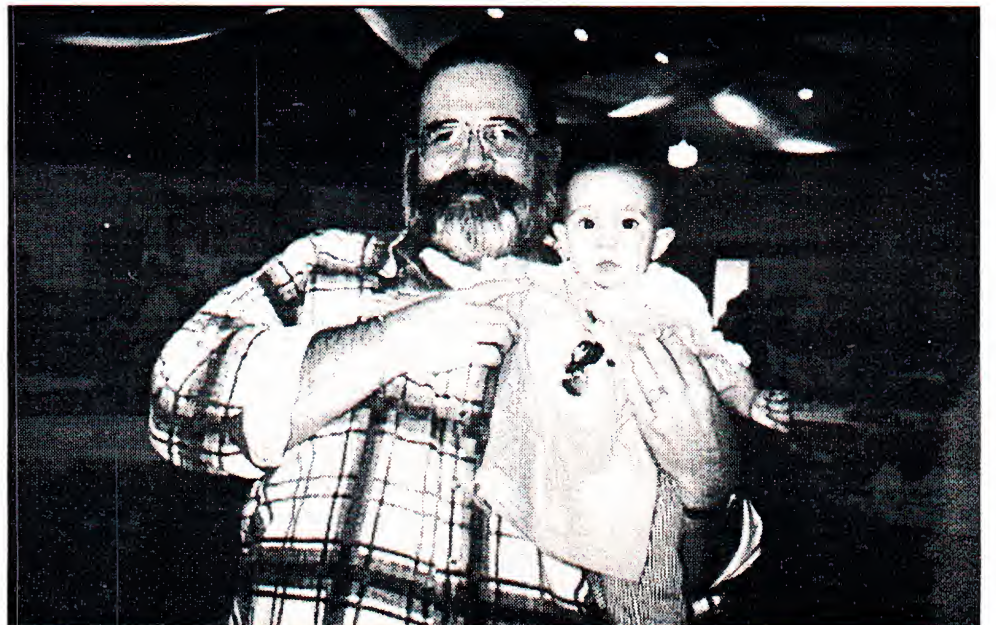
Gift Shop and Museum Director Esther Lowden is shown with Tim Tarter of Pioneer, Calif.



Committeeman J.P. Motley, left, is standing next to Victoria serrato and Armando Quiroz. Seated are Beatrice Molina, Leonard Serrato and Victoria Serrato.



Wayne Nearn and his wife Jean of Greenfield, Calif., show off their granddaughter, Sarah Homen. They're Gremore descendants.



Thom Finks with 8-month-old granddaughter Harlee Sierra Finks





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# REGIONAL REPORTS

## Northern California

Jennifer J. Porter

Bourzho Nicon,

What a great day we had, with good weather (migwetch, Creator) and a great turnout. It was summed up well by someone's comment on one of the meeting questionnaires. Under comments was written "good people." How true!

The drumming and dancing were top notch — migwetch to Al Chalepah for gathering together such fine talent and sharing it with us. The food was fabulous — migwetch to Reed Phillips and her staff of Beets Catering in Livermore. She also managed the facility itself and made everything flow easily. The children were happier with things to do and a place to go and "hang out." We couldn't have done this without Barbara Potter and the volunteers who lent a hand. Thanks to the Blanchard girls, Jolene and Mandy, for reading stories as well. Barbara has already started thinking about next year's meeting — we are very grateful for that enthusiasm!

Thanks go the Blanchards for bringing their beadwork and sharing techniques. Jack Wooldridge was on hand to sell and sign his books with all profits going to the J.D.W. Bibb Vocational Scholarship Foundation — Migwetch!

My husband, Matt, and son, Zachary, handled registration and my daughter, Duette, handled a myriad of things including organizing our volunteer servers. Of course, I must thank my folks for helping out in the dessert/coffee room. Many people came up to me to say how nice and welcoming Gene and JoEtta Law were. It sounds like I'm giving an acceptance speech for an Oscar, but this meeting went well because of those who worked hard. So a big MIGWETCH to all those who helped.

Chairman Barrett, Linda Capps, Gene Bruno, J.P. Motley, J.D. Colbert, Bob Trousdale, and Esther Lowden were on hand to answer questions and bring us up to date on tribal business. It's a great service they're doing for our people and I, for one, am grateful for their efforts.

We had a good response on our questionnaires. It would seem almost everyone wants to have a picnic this summer. I'll see what I can do and let you know next month. I will have sent a nice big stack of language surveys to Chaplain Kiker by the time you read this as well.

Also, I found a question for the committee among the meeting questionnaires — no name — so please write to Chairman Barrett for an answer. It was in regard to the Supreme Court decision concerning the right to sue the state. There were some blank looks (mine included) when talk about computer changes in Shawnee came up. Some of us don't know the language of "computerese." Thom Finks of Sundance Computers in Auburn has offered to explain things in terms we might grasp (with no intent to sell stuff). He said just give him a call or fax and he'll be glad to shed some light on things (916) 88-2580; fax (916) 889-2275. Migwetch, Thom!

So that's the story on a good time had by all-sharing family information and stories, meeting "new" cousins, and being part of the circle. Aho!

Jennifer J. Porter

P.S. Sally McCoy was unable to attend due to a death in her family. We send our prayers your way, Sally.

## Southwest

Philonese Williams

Greetings from Arizona,

Up earlier today than usual, sipping my first cup of coffee. Looking across the desert, towards the McDowell Mts., watching the blue mist slowly rising from them. They are a perfect backdrop for the graceful hot air balloons that are rising to float gracefully on the fragrant early morning desert. My, what a beautiful sight to behold.

We have acquired a pair of partridges. They strut on the back fence and when they feel it is safe they come down in to the back yard and have breakfast. Later in the day our hawks come calling, circling and swooping over the house and the neighbors' house, coming to rest on one of the roofs, surveying the landscape looking for movement, a quick swoop and ah, lunch! I am so lucky to have the opportunity to live here; it is such beautiful country. I just have to talk about it sometimes.

I am sorry that you have been having trouble calling me. I have been without a telephone for about six weeks. The phone messed up and I had to send it to San Antonio, TX for repairs a couple of times and it still wasn't repaired, went shopping for one, the price took my breath away, called AT&T, got a real live person, explained that I was not a happy camper, received a promise of a new phone within ten days — so I am back in business again! about time! I have missed all my chatting with you, so keep this line ringing.

I hope many of you are responding to Shirley Willard, about the honoring and dedicating of the Bourassa Family. I personally will not be able to attend, but I hope some of you will be kind enough to send me some of the program. It is an honor and Shirley works hard putting the whole thing together, so I hope those of you who are able will help her all you can.

By the time you read this Easter will be a thing of the past. I sincerely hope it was a happy, joyous occasion of all of you. Is everyone getting ready for Pow-Wow? Won't be long now!

May Day is on the doorstep. Are May baskets still passed around? When I was a little girl in Oklahoma, that was one of my favorite fun things to do. Have a beautiful spring and I hope we meet again in May. Until then remember — TACT IS THE UNSAID PART OF WHAT YOU THINK!

Philonise Williams

## Midwest

### Maryann Welch-Frank

Bourzho Nicon;

Our Kansas City Regional Council was well attended. As always it was a pleasure to get to meet and talk with so many of you. These meetings are so important for all of us. It gives us a chance to meet our Business Committee, ask questions, catch up on all the developments within the tribe and to get to know one another and not to mention have a great meal!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again in Shawnee. Get your room reservations in early.

Upcoming pow-wows and events:  
May 18 & 19 — Central, MO, Cherokee PowWow Centralia, MO Fairgrounds.  
May 17, 18 & 19 — St. Louis Pow-Wow, Jefferson Barracks  
May 24, 25 & 26 — Copan, OK Pow-wow, Fred Fall Leaf Farm  
May 24, 25 & 26 — Columbia, MO at the fairgrounds  
May 30, June 1 & 2 — Tulsa, OK Pow-Wow, Fairgrounds Pavillion  
June 7, 8 & 9 — Marshfield, MO at the fairgrounds

Please note the phone number and mailing address for Midwest regional office.

Megwetch,

Maryann Welch-Frank



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## washington

**Bourzho from Seattle!**

It was great to be able to visit with so many of you either by phone when you RSVP'd or at our Regional Council meeting. Your attendance keeps our meetings going! I hope that you had a good time and that you were able to have your questions answered. If not, please give me a call and I'll do my best to answer them. I'd also like to hear from you about our regional meetings: what can we do to make them better? More meaningful? Let me know.

If you weren't able to make it to the regional, don't forget the two picnics coming up this summer. If you plan to camp at Manchester, CALL ME and I'll give you our group number so we can be in the same area of the campground; you will also need to get the phone number to reserve your space. The date again is July 20.

Shayshoshewa Westin is hosting our picnic in Boise on August 10. Further information will be available in the flyer — and hopefully by July's column. I will be away from the office June 15 through July 1. If your need is urgent please call Shawnee at 1-800-880-9880. Or leave a message and I will call you after July 1.

The Suquamish Museum near Agate Pass on the Olympic Peninsula has expanded its hours and is now open 7 days a week, 11 am to 4 pm. It offers an "excellent view of pre-contact life" in the Pacific Northwest. Guided tours can be arranged with a 48 hour notice. Call 360-589-3311.

**Susan Campbell**

Tribal member Jack Wooldridge has released a series of Potawatomi children's books that your small one would enjoy. They are beautifully illustrated and offer stories sure to please those in the 5-8 year old range. Jack will be the first to tell you these are not traditional Potawatomi legends but come about as stories he told to his grandchildren, then put down on paper. He has asked me to write a foreword to his latest book and I am honored to be doing so.

I have put together a pow-wow list for summer 1996. If you didn't pick one up at the regional, give me a call and I'll mail one to you. Are you interested in being a foster parent for Native American children? For more information, in Seattle call DSHS at 721-4073 and ask for Lisa Nielsen.

Free women's health exams and mammograms are being offered by the Seattle Indian Health board to Native women ages 40 and over. Call their hotline at 324-8484.

I will close by asking prayer in memory of Father George Mathieu. Father George, who passed away March 28, was the oldest Potawatomi priest in the U.S. In 1988 and again in 1993 he was unwell but continued with us until the end of our journey, something he'd so wanted to do. I can still see him doing the Eagle Dance for us in Rochester before we departed for Kansas. He was very proud of his heritage and I'm glad I knew him. He was 83.

Pama-mine(later)!

**Susan Campbell**

## Colorado

**Penny Bishop**

Greetings from Denver!

March was a busy month for the Denver Regional Office and the Denver Indian community. Something was scheduled every week.

On March 16 I was honored to be Head Lady Dancer for the Rocky Mountain Pow-Wow Association at a warm-up pow-wow prior to the Native American Youth Career Conference (March 19-20) and the Denver March Pow-Wow (March 21-24). It was my first time for this honor.

Since I am not a contest dancer, I was more than a little nervous. I kept busy beforehand, gathering and making items for my first giveaway. My children and my sister Nell and her granddaughters were present with moral support and cameras. There were two special ceremonies that evening, a family had their tears wiped, and the head little girl had her eagle plumes tied.

There were five give-aways that evening. There was good dancing, songs, lots of visiting and laughing. When the last dance was danced and the last song sung, the colors retired, I noticed how bad my feet and legs ached. I have the greatest respect for the dancers and their endurance. This definitely was one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

March 19-21, I attended the American Indian Youth Career Conference. There was a large gathering of teenagers, parents and counselors from all over the Midwest. The primary function of this conference was to provide motivational and practical information to American Indian youth, encouraging positive educational career and lifestyle options.

Rick Williams, a Lakota, was one of the luncheon speakers. He stressed the importance of knowing family history and knowing your family tree. He encouraged making a pedigree chart. His theory was that "knowing your background, helps give direction to your future." This really hit home with me, because so many of our people know their family history, and we are encouraged to share it at our regionals and in Shawnee, during council time. The conference encouraged reading, making good grades, participating in your school and community activities. concluding with, "When you give your very best, you're the winner."

March 21-24, Denver March PowWow — the kick off powwow of 1996. We went all four days, early and late. I enjoyed every minute of the dancing, drums, arts and crafts booths, and Indian tacos.

I'll be away from my desk and unable to take your calls June 15 through July 8. Please feel free to leave a message. If your call is urgent, call the office in Shawnee.

In closing, I'd like to share a thought: "Hold the past, embrace the future."

**Penny Bishop**

## Oregon/Idaho

**Roscoe 'Rocky' Baptiste**

**Bourzho from Oregon/Idaho:**

Now that our Regional Council is over, it is time for me to think about our Annual Meeting and Election in Shawnee, OK. I always get excited at going home to Oklahoma, although I have lived most of my life here in Oregon and Idaho. Somehow it seems like home, or roots, or something like that. Maybe it is because my father and mother talked so much about when I was a kid and when they lived there. Anyway I am getting excited about travel-

ing and this year, instead of flying, as I have done in the past, Maxine and I are going to drive leisurely back and leisurely home again, stopping along the way to meet relatives and friends we haven't seen in a long time. Also we want to try to do some genealogy along the way.

My father told me when he was very little, his father and mother made two trips each year, by wagon, from their home in Indian Territory to Elgin, Kansas, to buy supplies. As my father said, "so the

women folks could buy needles, thread and such." He was as excited about those trips as I am about this one, but I won't have to travel by wagon or spend the night sleeping on the ground. We Indians have come along ways since then, thanks to the white man's tools.

I want you to leave a message if I don't answer the phone, as someone will be monitoring the office and will get back to you or get word to me.

Keep the cultural ties and go to a pow-wow. Here are some that are coming up:

May 3 - Springfield Ed. Pow-Wow, 7pm; May 4 & 5 - Chemawa Pow-Wow, Chemawa Indian School, Salem; May - TBA, Univ. of Oregon Pow-wow, Eugene; May - TBA, OSU Pow-Wow, Corvallis; May 11 & 12 - Spring Pow-Wow, Portland State Univ., Portland; June 2nd weekend - Burns-Payute Pow-Wow, Burns, OR; June 7-9 - Four Winds Contest Pow-Wow, Seattle, WA; June 15 & 16 - Delta Park Pow-Wow, Portland; June 15 & 16 - Chief Joseph & Warriors Memorial Pow-Wow, Lapwai, ID; June 29 & 30 - PI-UNE-SHA Pow-Wow, Warm Springs, OR.

Recently, I read a piece about elder abuse that I thought interesting. They said elder abuse is more than hitting. It's taking their car and not returning it. It's "borrowing" their money and not paying them back. It's ignoring them until their check comes. It's always putting your needs before theirs. Abuse is not the Native way; DON'T ABUSE.

Megwetch,

**Rocky Baptiste**

**Marj Hobdy**

## North Texas

**Marjorie Hobdy**

Spring is on its way, but winter refuses to leave without putting up a fight. The daffodils have bloomed and shrubs are blooming. Hope the late hard freeze did not hurt the fruit trees. Our ancestors managed to survive all these extremes of weather, but I certainly would find it hard to do without heating and air conditioning.

Lu Ellis and I are working on the joint regional meeting for Texas on May 18th in Austin. Lu has found a location and we plan to meet in Austin to finalize plans. Remember, May 18th. The location will be the Red Lion Hotel in the triangle formed by 290, 183 and I-35. The phone number is 1-800-2727957. You should call soon to make reservations as this is the weekend of The University of Texas graduation and hotel space will be limited. Hope all of you will be able to make the trip to Austin. We're looking forward to seeing those of you who have not been able to come to Dallas or Houston. This will give us a chance to get acquainted with the "other half" of Texas.

My retirement from the world of work was effective March 1st and so far I have not been able to tell the difference. And everyone says I will stay busy. I hope to have more time to respond to requests and questions you may have, so give me a call.



# A good look at the Vieux family ...

## GLEANINGS OF THE VIEUX (VIEAU) FAMILY

From Wisconsin and Kansas Records

By Merton Whitlow,  
Potawatomi Tribal Member  
(Descendant of Jacques Vieux  
through his son Louis and  
granddaughter Rachel)

In Mitchell Park of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, approximately two miles from Lake Michigan and about one-half mile south of the Menomonee River (which empties into Lake Michigan), is a commemorative granite marker and bronze tablet on the site of the first house in Milwaukee. A framed "rubbing" of this tablet was given by the writer to Esther Lowden on October 12, 1995, for hanging in our museum, as it has considerable historical significance for many Citizen Potawatomi.

The tablet inscription is as follows:

On this site the first permanent fur trader

JACQUES VIEAU IN 1795

built his cabin, the first house in Milwaukee.

Here also was the crossing of the Green Bay-Chicago trail.

This tablet was erected under the auspices of the Old Settlers' Club of Milwaukee County 1925.

This man, Jacques Vieux, is the father of Paul Vieux and Louis Vieux, who were part Potawatomi through their mother. They married Potawatomi women, lived with the Potawatomi, and moved with them. The Potawatomi were moved first to the Council Bluffs, Iowa area, then into Kansas. The Prairie Band Reservation still exists near Mayetta, Kansas. The Citizen Band Potawatomi moved to Oklahoma, Pottawatomie County, in the 1860's.

The French-English language confusion, I believe, resulted in the name having two different spellings. Vieux, in French, means "old." In New Orleans, Vieux Carré means "Old Quarter." In the *Narratives of Andrew Vieux, Sr.*, (a copy of which was given me by Mary Farrell), its opening paragraph states that the family name was DeVeau.

This does not correlate with the Roman Catholic missionary priest's records of the baptism of Paul and Magdeleine where the father is listed as Jacques Jauvan and the mother as Angelique Roi. Both baptisms occurred on June 29, 1804. Magdeleine's date of birth was listed as April 1, 1802, and Paul's date of birth as January 16, 1804. Their mother, Angelique Roi, was baptized July 7, 1804, and was listed as being twenty years of age.

This same priest, (J. Dilhet, missionary priest) also baptized Angelique's sister, Charlotte Roi, on this same date, listing her age as nineteen. On July 16, 1804, this same priest married Jacques and Angelique after the forthcoming marriage had been published for three consecutive Sundays from the pulpit during the parochial mass. Jacques' father and mother were listed as Sieur Jacques Jauvan and Francoise



Marker At Site Of Vieux Family Cemetery Near Louisville, Kansas

## POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK

L'Accuyar. The father and mother of Angelique were listed as Joseph Roy and Marguerite. This latter surname is spelled Roi, Roy, LeRoi, and LeRoy, all pertaining to the same person or family, in various Wisconsin papers. Joseph Roi (or LeRoi, French spelling) was the first permanent resident in northern Wisconsin.

Andrew Vieux states in his narrative that Angelique's mother was the sister of a Potawatomi Chief named Onaugesa. A footnote on the baptismal record of Angelique refers to her mother Marguerite as being a Menominee woman. The records indicate that the Menominee and the Potawatomi were quite close and much intermingled. I have heard there was once a Potawatomi chief named Menominee, which makes me feel that the latter were once a band of the Potawatomi.

The children of Jacques Vieux are listed in order of birth as: Madeleine, Josette, Paul, Jacques, Louis, Joseph, Amale, Charles, Andrew, Nicholas, Peter, and Mary. One child may have died in infancy, as writings indicate that Jacques was the father of thirteen children, one of which, Josette, was by a woman consort. Angelique raised Josette with her own children as though she were her own, a very commendable act by her.

Six of the above children of Angelique were born at the site of this tablet, these being Joseph, Louis, Amable, Charles, Nicholas and Peter.

Others were born in the Green Bay area, as Angelique's parents were there and Jacques and Angelique had a farm near Green Bay near what is now the town of Ashwaubenon. Andrew Vieux states in his narrative that he was born in the latter location in 1818.

Jacques Vieux was born near Montreal, Canada, in the community of Cour de Neige (or Snow-Court). One of his granddaughters, Mrs. Harriet Juneau Fox, told the writer of Andrew Vieux's narrative that her grandfather related to her that he was twenty-five years of age when he came to work for Joseph LeRoi in 1793. This statement would make his birth year as 1767, and is believed to be the accurate date, and not 1757 as given by his son Andrew. Other dates given by Andrew pertaining to his parents are also not correct, such as the following:

(1) Andrew Vieux gives his parents' marriage year as 1786. The church record gives their marriage date as July 16, 1804, by the missionary priest J. Dilhet.

(2) Andrew Vieux gives his mother's date of death as January 7, 1862, with her age as about 105 years, which would make her birth year as 1757. Angelique's baptism record of 1804 states she was twenty years of age, which would put her birth year as 1784. This latter birth year is believed more accurate, with her being 78 years old when she died. Jacques Vieux, Angelique's spouse, was approximately 17 years older than she. With her first child, Magdeleine, being

born in 1802, it is believed she became Jacques' mate when she was seventeen or eighteen years of age. With no priest or church present, they had to wait on a missionary priest to come to the area to officially marry them after first baptizing their two children, then baptizing the mother, Angelique, the next week. There were many other French-Indian marriages and baptisms performed during this period with some recognizable tribal names mentioned.

Louis and Paul moved with the Potawatomi in 1837. Footnotes of the Andrew Vieux narrative state that siblings Jacques and Charles died in Kansas, which indicates they followed Louis and Paul there.

The Vieux family cemetery, which is approximately one mile east of the town of Louisville, Kansas, is where Louis and Paul are buried. His wife, Charlotte (LeGrate), mother of his seven children (two sons and five daughters) is buried on his right side. His second wife, Mary, is buried on his left side. His third wife, also named Mary, outlived him and is buried in a Roman Catholic cemetery a few miles away, north of Wamego, Kansas. The family cemetery is now a protected Kansas State Historical Site.

This site is where Louis had his home with his Potawatomi allotment, and was adjacent to the Oregon Trail, and where the Ft. Leavenworth-Ft. Riley Trail crossed the Oregon Trail. His allotment was also adjacent to where the trails crossed the Vermillion River, which had steep banks at this point. The trail crossed here because of timber upstream and soft earth and quicksand downstream of the crossing. The steep banks required the wagons to be unhitched and laboriously taken across the stream with the aid of ropes.

Upon observing this problem, Louis had a bridge constructed across the Vermillion and operated it as a toll bridge. He also sold hay and grain to the travelers, as well as supplies. His crossing also became a stagecoach eating-stop and team-changing station. A memorial marker on US 24 a few miles southeast of this site tells of this stagecoach stop, and Horace Greeley, (who said "go west, young man"), giving praise to a meal served him by a woman of Indian blood.

Louis Vieux was made a chief by the Potawatomi and represented them in Washington, D. C. at government councils. He was conversant in French, English, and Algonquin dialects, and was a person of high integrity, very much trusted by the Indians and the U. S. Government. Of all Jacques Vieux's sons, I believe Louis was the most successful as a business man, and still did not hide or reject his Indian heritage, although he appeared to believe strongly in complete assimilation along with education. Kansas historical writings state that Louis owned much land and real estate, plus a water-powered grain mill in Louisville.

A statement is made in the Andrew

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# ... a major Potawatomi tribal name

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Vieau narrative that might have some significance for the family surname history. Andrew, in his interview, said that Jacques Vieau's grandfather was forced to emigrate to Canada from France because of some involvement with the Huegenots in France. In the church records, I wondered why Jacques' name was never capitalized, and Andrew's statement concerning his great-grandfather might be an explanation. This may be why Jacques was content to take a surname which really sort of moved him away from his ancestry in Canada and on back into France. It moved family away from religious bigotry, which really has only lessened among Christians in this century.

There are many in the Citizen Potawatomi, and probably some in the Prairie Potawatomi, who have lineage leading back to Jacques Vieau. There may be some descendants in other Algonquin tribes. One family that we are knowledgeable of is the Jim Thorpe family. Jim's mother, Charlotte, was a granddaughter of Louis (third son of Jacques) through Louis' oldest son, Jake.

Although Jacques was a Frenchman with no Indian blood, he was well liked by the Potawatomi, and he held the Potawatomi in high regard. I believe we should be proud to have this "rubbing" of this memorial tablet about him (and his relationship to Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin) in our museum. His son Andrew became notable in Wisconsin government. He appeared to have directed himself away from his Indian heritage, as many others have done, in order to make their assimilation easier.

Louis, Jacques' third son, became a prominent figure in Kansas, as mentioned previously. Snapshots of two Kansas Historical Markers and one of a huge elm tree named after him are included with this writing. In 1979, this elm tree was designated by the Ameri-

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can Forestry Association as the largest tree of its species in existence. The estimated age at that time was 265 years old, and its dimensions were given as 99 feet high, 23 feet, 2 inches in trunk circumference, with an average crown spread of 133 feet. It is located on the west side of the Vermillion River approximately one-quarter mile west of the Vieux family cemetery.

Jacques Vieau also had a son-in-law, Solomon Juneau, who was prominent in



Wisconsin history. Juneau met Jacques Vieau in 1816 and went to work for him. Jacques' daughter Josette became Juneau's wife in 1820 and had seventeen children by him. Juneau laid out the first streets of Milwaukee and is rightfully listed as the city's founder. A statue of Solomon Juneau is on the Milwaukee lake front with Lake Michigan.

My research material has been

acquired over several years. Some are copies given me by the late Elsie Peltier Blackhawk. Also, some was given me by Mary Farrell of our tribal records department. I regret that this writing was not completed before Elsie Blackhawk passed away, and I hope this information will be informative to all descendants of Jacques Vieau.

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# INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS

## New Mexico legislature seeks to close gas tax 'loophole'

(From *Indian Country Today*, April 1, 1996) — As the New Mexico Legislature moved closer last Friday to changing the law which allows American Indians to sell tax-free gas, Indian leaders expressed anger and charged the legislators with racism.

Regis Pecos, who has served as director of the state's Office of Indian Affairs for the past 12 years, resigned his job last Thursday to protest the state's reluctance to compromise with tribes on the gas tax and on gaming. Mr. Pecos is lieutenant governor of the Cochiti Pueblo.

The controversy over the gas tax has added tension to tribal/state relations as lawsuits pending in state district court could close tribal casinos.

Gov. Gary Johnson called a special session of the state Legislature this week saying this number one priority was to change the tax laws which he calls a "loophole" which allows gas to be sold on Indian lands without the 17 cent-per-gallon state tax.

John Chavez, director of the state's Taxation and Revenue Department, has said the state would lose \$178 million if gas is sold without the tax. The money goes into the state's road fund.

But tribal leaders and their attorneys say Mr. Chavez is exaggerating that figure.

Mr. Chavez has said the state could be out tax revenues because of "daisy chaining" whereby distributors transfer ownership of gas to American Indians, evading the state tax.

Sen. Leonard Tsosie, a Navajo from Whitehorse Lake, and one of two American Indian state senators, accused the House Taxation and Revenue committee of trying to change the statute "only because of the color of the skins of the person applying for economic competition."

Committee members balked at the racism charge.

The committee was looking at the law "from the area of revenue and tax policy of the state. The color of skin has nothing to do with any decisions made by this committee or the Legislature," responded Rep. Jerry Sandel, D-Farmington, chairman of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee.

The statute as it is written stipulates that the tax be paid by the distributors. The committee was debating a bill which would allow the state to collect the tax from the owner of the gas before it was

loaded into trucks for distribution.

The bill would allow tribes to enter compacts with the state to receive six-cents-per-gallon payment instead of taxes for gas sold at their retail stations. This is similar to a compact in New York, legislators were told.

The Nambe Pueblo is the only New Mexico tribe to break ground for a gasoline distribution center, but other tribes

have expressed interest in setting up similar businesses.

The Nambe Pueblo's application for the business brought the tax law to the attention of state government officials as did the June 14, 1995, Supreme Court decision in *Oklahoma Tax Commission vs. Chickasaw Nation* allowing the tribe to sell gas retail.

## Seminole to issue tribal tags

(From *COKV TVLVME*, March 1996) — Soon the Seminole Nation will be among the tribes in the state offering automobile tags to tribal members living within the tribal boundaries. The tags will also be available for tribally owned vehicles.

The tribal tag ordinance was passed during the March 2nd quarterly meeting. The program criteria will be established by the General Council, with the Business and Corporate Regulatory Commission (BDCR) drafting the rules and regulations for Council approval.

"We feel that by the Tribe issuing tags, we are progressing toward self-reliance and self-sufficiency," said Ted Underwood, BCR Director. "This is a good indication that the Tribe is moving forward in exercising our tribal sovereignty."

With this program, the tribe will be able to offer tribal tags at a substantially lower rate than those currently issued by the state. The exact figures, however, will not be available until the Council passes the criteria.

"We are trying to establish an option for tribal members to register their vehicles with either the tribe or the state," said Underwood. "By offering lower fees, we can help ease the burden our people are under due to the State's regulations."

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

*By J.D. Colbert*

It is springtime again. Time for the budding of the tulips, the redbud trees, and the greening of all of nature. The tribal election, general council and pow-wow are just around the corner. Spring also brings the completion and delivery of the tribe's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (or "CAFR" for short) is prepared annually by the tribe's independent, outside auditing firm, John M. Arledge & Associates, Inc. This audit is conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards promulgated by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Office of Management and Budget. The tribe once again received a clean independent audit report with the auditor's opinion that the tribe's financial statements present fairly — in all material respects — the financial position of the tribe.

While the overall financial condition of the tribe is sound, we are particularly pleased with the financial performance of the tribe's enterprises. All things considered, fiscal year 1995 (ending on September 30th) was the best in the history of these businesses.

Our flagship enterprise, FireLake Entertainment, increased its operating revenues from \$2,538,000 in 1994 to \$2,667,000 in 1995. This is a jump of \$129,000. More importantly, net operating income (net of depreciation) increased by a whopping 16%, rising from \$811,000 to \$942,000, or by \$131,000. Also, FireLake Entertainment paid \$650,000 into the tribe's tax commission. Clearly, this is superior performance by Director George Teafatiller and his personnel.

Potawatomi Convenience Store #1 also did an excellent job. Sales skyrocketed from \$4,138,000 to \$5,096,000. This is an almost unbelievable increase of over \$950,000! The store's net income saw a corresponding jump from \$37,000 in 1994 to nearly \$80,000 in 1995.

Over and above this \$80,000 net operating profit figure, Store #1 also paid an additional \$120,000 of sales taxes into the tribe's tax commission. Enterprise Director Marilyn Morton and her associates are to be congratulated. They are also responsible for a complete remodel of the store — along with new gasoline pumps — at little or no cost to the tribe.

The Tecumseh smoke shop — Tribal Store #2 — opened for business in February, 1995. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, Store #2 showed a net operating loss of only \$20,000. Net operating losses are a common occurrence for newly opened businesses.

However, things are trending in the right direction and Store #2 has made a dramatic turn for the better. It has shown a net profit during three of the past five months. We expect that fiscal year 1996 will be an overall profitable year for Store #2. This would be truly a remarkable achievement in that most new enterprises require 3-5 years of operating history before turning a profit.

FireLake Golf continues to operate essentially at break-even on a cash basis. Total operating revenues remained basically unchanged from 1994 to 1995 at \$547,000 and \$515,000, respectively. 1995 revenues were hurt due to severe weather conditions earlier in the season which forced loss of play. However, Golf Pro Mike Wood and staff have made outstanding progress in trimming operating expenses without compromising the quality of Oklahoma's #3 rated public golf course. With good weather conditions, fiscal year 1996 should be the best ever.

FireLake Bowling opened for business during June, 1995. Thus, as of September 30, 1995 it had been open for business for only four months, and that during the slow time of the bowling season. As expected, FireLake Bowling posted a net operating loss as of September 30, 1995. However, things are turning around and the trend is a very positive one.

In fact, the bowling center actually made a net profit during the months of February and March of 1996. Brunswick Bowling officials describe this as "a truly remarkable accomplishment." Manager Ron Everett and staff have attracted numerous tournaments, league play and open bowlers. We believe that 1997 will be a record-breaking year for the center. The bowling center is a proud addition to our tribe and to our community.

Esther Lowden and her staff continued their excellent performance at the Potawatomi Museum and Gift Shop during fiscal year 1995. Sales revenues were up by \$40,000, or by 25%, from \$161,000 in 1994 to \$201,000 in 1995. With its wonderful display and variety of handmade Indian craft items, the Potawatomi Gift Shop has achieved enormous name recognition throughout the region. Esther is also managing the recent addition of FireLake Designs.

In addition to the above, the tribally-owned First National Bank of Shawnee had its best year ever since it was incorporated ten years ago. Net income amounted to \$305,000. This is by far the best earnings in the history of the bank. In addition, First National Bank achieved nearly the highest ranking possible by the federal banking regulators on all issues regarding bank safety and financial soundness. Bank president Larry Briggs and all his employees deserve congratulations.

As detailed in the CAFR, monies from the federal government, especially the BIA and IHS, have been steadily lessening. This has become even more pronounced during 1996. This reduced funding will likely necessitate changes in our various programs and services in the near future. However, it is comforting to note the financial performance of the tribe's enterprises. The income from these businesses greatly mitigate funding losses from the federal government.

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# Kids to learn traditional skills at annual pow-wow this year

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begin at 9 a.m. and continue all day, until 4:30 p.m. "We'll have a variety of things for them to do," said ShirI Hubert, such as sand art and necklace and bracelet making. Clowns will be on hand to do face painting — Native American designs, of course — and there will even be Indian dice for pre-schoolers.

If they get tired of that, kids in that same age range may learn some pow-wow basics from 10:30 a.m. until noon when traditional dancing lessons will be available for girls and drumming lessons for boys. After lunch, the boys and girls will help build a wickiup from 1:30-4:30 p.m. "We have a man from Cushing coming to show them how to build a summer house," Hubert said.

She said that during that same time period a couple from Norman will be working with some of the kids on leadership activities, "what it means to be an Indian youth and have goals." That will be for all ages, but especially K-6.

Although times and locations have yet to be announced, there will also be Potawatomi language lessons given during the pow-wow, and there will be a repeat of the popular trip to Sacred Heart Mission. That will be on Saturday, leaving the administration building at 9 a.m.

For the athletically inclined, a bowling tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Friday (see ad elsewhere in this issue), and a golf

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scramble begins at 10 a.m. Friday. The annual horseshoe tournament gets underway at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and the golf tournament begins at 10 a.m. Bingo specials will be in effect throughout the weekend, and FireLake Restaurant will be open to visitors. Church services will once again be held at the pow-wow grounds beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, followed by lunch.

Voting in the annual election begins at 7 a.m. Saturday and concludes at 2 p.m., when the General Council meeting convenes. The pow-wow itself gets underway Friday with gourd dancing from 6-7:30 p.m. and grand entry at 8 p.m. Gourd dancing will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday and grand entry at 7 p.m., following the traditional dinner open to all. Sunday gourd dancing is also from 2-5 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m.

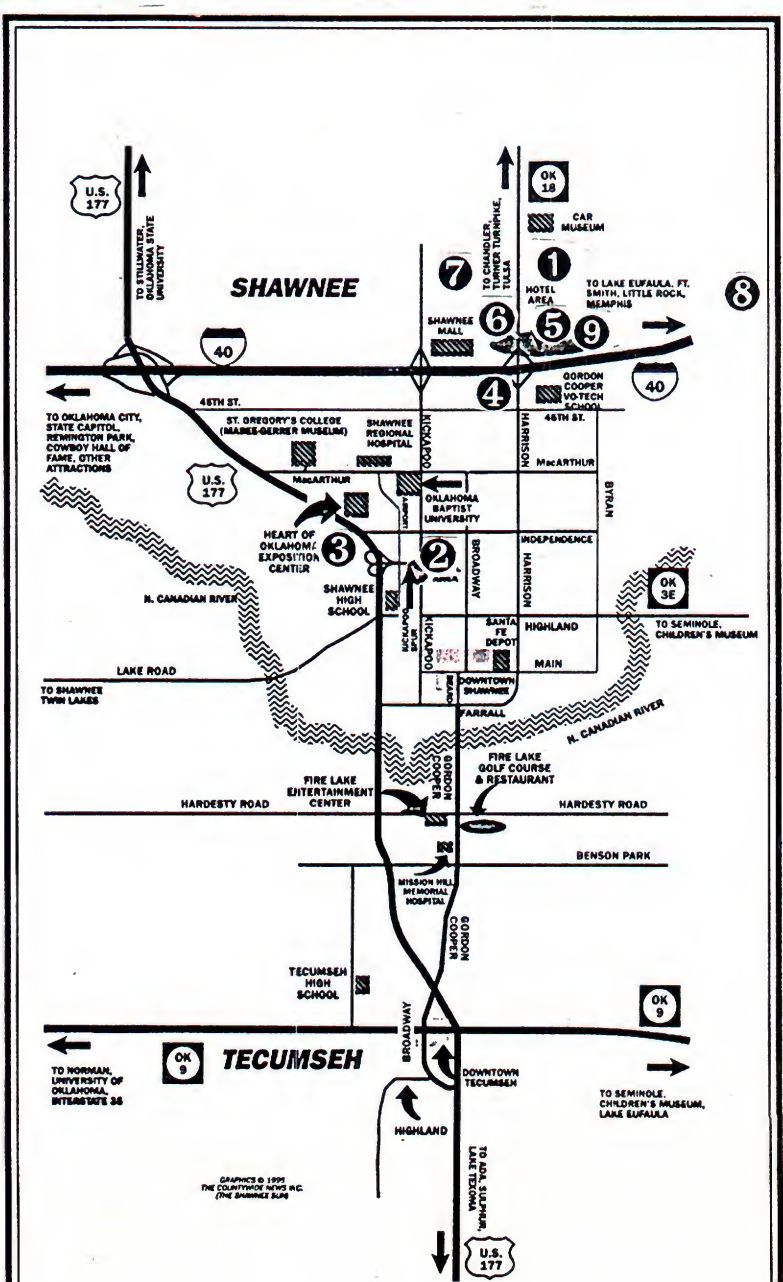
Hundreds of dancers are expected for what has become one of the best-known and richest contest pow-wows in the nation. The 1996 Potawatomi Pow-Wow staff has been named and plans are well underway for the annual celebration June 28, 29 and 30. The 1996 Potawatomi Pow-Wow staff includes coordinator Esther Lowden; Joe Cozad, drum

contest coordinator; and Carla Whiteman, dance contest coordinator. Thomas Chibitty of Moore and Dean Whitebreast of Tama, Iowa, will share master of ceremonies duties.

Host Northern Drum will be Dancing Bear Creek of Cache, Oklahoma, and host Southern Drum will again be Berkyy Monoessy of Shawnee. Grace Tsonetokoy of Carnegie, Oklahoma, will serve as Head Lady Dancer and Mike White Cloud of El Reno, Oklahoma, will be Head Man Dancer. Ginger Schmidtkofer will again be Potawatomi Pow-Wow Princess. Head Gourd Dancer will be Lonnie Emhoolah of Elgin, Oklahoma.

Senior men and junior boys will compete in straight, fancy, traditional and grass dancing, while senior women and junior girls will compete in cloth, jingle, buckskin and fancy dance. In addition, there will be a drum contest, a tiny tot contest for kids six and under, and men's and women's Golden Age dance competition for those 60 and over.

The Potawatomi Pow-Wow charges no admission, and registration and parking are also free. Those needing camping and RV space should contact Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters.



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